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CONFERENCE IN LONDON, FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POINTS LISTED PARAGRAPH 4 REFTEL A), WITH
DR. MINTZ, LEGAL ADVISOR OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUN-
ICATIONS. ISRAEL WILL PROBABLY BE REPRESENTED AT LONDON CONFER-
ENCE BY CAPT. JACOB HAMMEL, CHIEF OF THE DIRECTORATE FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE MINISTRY AND DR. PAUL MUENCH,
NAVAL ENGINEER AND TECHNICAL ADVISOR OF THE MINISTRY.

2. REGARDING SPECIFIC VIEWS ON U.S. PROPOSALS, MINTZ
STATED PROPOSALS WERE STILL UNDER REVIEW AND DETAILED VIEWS
PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

3. MINTZ THEN PROCEEDED TO GIVE HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION,
WHICH IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS REQUIRE RE-
TROFITTING OF EXISTING TANKERS WITH SEGREGATED HOLDING
TANKS AT COST OF ABOUT \$1 MILLION PER SHIP;
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- A) SINCE ISRAEL HAS TWENTY TANKERS, THE TOTAL COST OF RE-
TROFITTING WOULD BE \$20 MILLION. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THIS?
B) USE OF SEGREGATED HOLDING TANK DECREASES CARRYING CAPACITY
OF TANKERS BY 30 PERCENT. EXPENSE OF OIL TRANSPORTATION WOULD
INCREASE BY THIS AMOUNT. WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS
FACED BY OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH THE U.S. PROPOSALS ENTAIL?
C) IS IT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO DO IT TO EXISTING TANKERS

WHEN SOME PORTS, SUCH AS ASHDOD IN ISRAEL, AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE BUILT RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR TANKERS TO AVOID SUCH POLLUTION?

D) ARE THESE OTHER SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM IN ADDITION TO SEGREGATED TANKS?

4. IN VIEW PROBLEMS RAISED WITH U.S. PROPOSALS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS "LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE" APPROACH SUGGESTED PARA 7 REFTEL A).
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